



## *The Power of Conviction / John 7:1-31*

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As we read about Jesus speaking with a crowd in Jerusalem, we see several ways in which Jesus used the conviction of sin in His evangelism.

### **Background**

About six months passed between the end of John 6 and the beginning of John 7 (the span from Passover to the Feast of Booths). In John 7, Jesus returns to Jerusalem.

### **Four Times that Jesus Brought Conviction of Sin to Bear on His Audience:**

- 1. Convicting His earthly brothers of belonging to the world (7:1-9)**
- 2. Convicting the crowd of not doing the will of God (7:10-19)**

**3. Convicting the crowd of lacking righteousness (7:20-24)**

**4. Convicting the crowd of not knowing God (7:25-29)**

**The Fruit of Conviction (7:30-31)**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What role did understanding your sin play in your own salvation?
2. What does "the world" mean in John 7:7 and what does it mean to belong to the world? How should believers relate to the world? Read John 17:6-18 and 1 John 2:15-17 for additional information.
3. How would you explain the difference between what Jesus said in John 7:8 and what He did in John 7:10?
4. What's the significance of Jesus' statement – "Yet none of you keeps the law" – in John 7:19?
5. How was the healing Jesus performed on the Sabbath a fulfillment of God's law regarding the Sabbath?
6. Are there areas of life in which, as a believer, you have made superficial judgments based on appearance – either judging someone more harshly than Scripture, or judging something you've done more lightly than Scripture?
7. Is there an evangelistic opportunity in your life in which you could lovingly apply conviction of sin?